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### REMARKS

In the present Office Action, claims 15-28 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 15-28 of copending Application No. 10/031,817; and claims 15-17, 19, 20, 25 and 27 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 18, 26, 27 and 31-34 of copending Application No. 10/031,671. Applicants note the rejections based upon Application No. 10/031,671 are moot, as the application has been expressly abandoned.

To address the rejections based upon Application No. 10/031,817, Applicants have included herewith a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321, statements under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), establishing the right of the assignee to take action, and a check in the amount of \$130 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d). Please note, the terminal disclaimer also includes related U.S. Patent No. 6,755,106. Applicants respectfully submit that with the filing of the terminal disclaimer, the application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicants have also included herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to respond to the outstanding Office Action and a check in the amount of \$1,020 to cover the three-month Extension of Time fee.

Applicants submit that this reply is fully responsive to the above-referenced Office Action.

### CONCLUSION

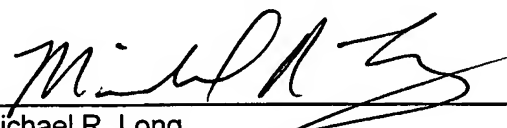
If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to this reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 949-9610.

Respectfully submitted,

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